

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Carroll W10587

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State of North Carolina, Orange County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Term 1833

On this 30th of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now Sitting Benjamin Carroll a resident of Orange County State of North Carolina aged about eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers herein named and served as here stated.

1st That he was first drafted into the Militia for a tour of three months in the County of Orange and attached to a company commanded by Captain Etheldred Jones (commonly called Captain Dred Jones) of Wake County, Lieutenant Trent (who was by birth an Irish man) and marched to Deep River at a place called Bell's Mill, from there to Salisbury. Thence to the Island Ford on the Catawba [River], under a Colonel Farmer [Thomas Farmer] where he was in a slight skirmish with the British, and retreated to Torrence's Tavern where they were attacked [February 1, 1781] by the British Cavalry, and retreated from thence to the Adkin [sic, Yadkin] River below Salisbury where he joined the Main Army under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]—Then on retreat, that he was attached to the baggage guard, and in a few days thereafter his term of service expired and he returned home, he received no written discharge. He cannot state the day or month when this first Tour commenced, But thinks it was in the fall of the year 1780, and he returned home in January or February 1781.

2nd That in a few days after his return from his first Tour of service, he volunteered his service in the Militia, and joined a Colonel Lock [Francis Locke] and was put under the command of a Captain Whitesell [Henry Whitesell] and a Lieutenant Neill or McNeill and joined the Army of General Greene on the South side of Dan River with which he continued until the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], he was in the Brigade commanded by General Butler [John Butler] in that Battle, which was disbursed, and he returned home after a service of six weeks.

3rd Some Time in the summer of 1781, the date not now recollected, he entered the service again as a Substitute for a certain Samuel Hutchinson for a Tour of three months, and was mustered under a Captain John Watson in Orange County and marched to Salisbury North Carolina, where he was placed under a Captain Merritt [Stephen Merritt] and a Lieutenant Lock, and marched by Charlotte and the Waxhaws to Camden, thence across the several branches of the Santee [River] – and finally to the Eutaw Springs, and was in that Battle in September 1781 [September 8, 1781], from there he returned to Camden in guard of the British prisoners; and thence to Salisbury where he was discharged by a Lieutenant Clark.

4th That in the fall of the year 1781 he enlisted in a company commanded by Captain Clem Hall [Clement Hall] and was alternately commanded by Colonels Armstrong, Dickson [Henry Dixon], Lytle [Archibald Lytle] and Majors Donoho [Thomas Donoho], Raiford and that said enlistment was for twelve months, in the County of Orange and marched to Salisbury, Charlotte, Ninety Six, and to a

place called the Pon Pons to Headquarters – then to Bacon's Bridge, then to the High Hills of Ashley River, where he continued until he was discharged—in the fall of 1782, the day and month not remembered – having served his full term of twelve months – about eight months of which he was a private and four months a Waggoner in the commissary's service – and that all his other services were in the capacity of a private.

5th Shortly after his discharge and without having left the Army, he again entered the Service and mustered for the war and continued at the High Hills under General Greene until the peace was proclaimed when he was discharged by a Captain Mills [James Mills] – which he thinks was in the fall of 1783. He knows of no person by whom he can prove his services except as follows – Elijah Dollar¹ served with him in his first tour of three months – he knows of no one by whom he can prove his second Tour, James Dollar² served with him his third Tour – the muster roll shows his service in the fourth and fifth Tours.

He relinquishes all claim to any other pension or annuity except the present – and that his name is not on the pension roll of any State or Territory.

Sworn to and Subscribed The day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. Taylor, Clk

S/ Benjamin Carroll, X his mark

Answer of the Declarant to the Several Interrogatories prescribed by the War department

To the first he answers He supposes he was born in Orange County North Carolina being there from his earliest recollection, does not know in what year, from family tradition he was in his eightieth year since last Christmas.

To the Second: Has no record of his age – nor ever had one – but derived his knowledge from the statements of his deceased mother.

To the third: He says he has always lived in Orange County and entered the service in each Tour in Orange County except when he mustered for the war and then he was at the High Hills of Ashley River.

To the fourth: He says he has stated how he entered in the Service in each Tour, in the body of his declaration.

To the fifth: He says he knew Captains Dixon, Hall, Mills, Coleman & others Majors Donoho, Raiford, Sharpe & others, Colonels Armstrong, Dixon, Lytle, Malmedy (a Frenchman), Generals Butler, Davidson, Morgan, Greene, he has stated in his deposition such other matters as pertaining to this interrogatory.

To the sixth: he says he had a discharge for the regular service, but has lost it, it was signed by Captain Hills.

He states that he is particularly known to Thomas Bilbo, Wm. N Pratt, Justices of the Peace in his neighborhood.

Sworn to & subscribed Court the day & year above. S/ Benjamin Carroll, X his mark

[Thomas Bilbo and William N. Pratt gave this standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared in open court Elijah Dollar aged 73, a Soldier of the revolution who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say, that he has known Benjamin Carroll the above declarant from boyhood, that he knew him during the revolution and served a tour of three months with said Carroll in the Militia under Colonel Farmer and was with said Carroll at Torrance's Tavern when attacked by the British Cavalry and believes him to have served the full Tour of three months.

Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court, date above.

1 [Elijah Dollar W17729](#)

2 [James Dollar W25535](#)

S/ Elijah Dollar



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James Dollar a resident of Chatham County aged about 70 years, Personally appeared in open Court, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say, that he has known Benjamin Carroll the above declarant ever since he was a boy, that the said Carroll must now be about 80 years old, that he knew him in the service in the Revolution, and served with him a Tour of three months, first under Captain Watson & then under Captain Merritt in the Summer of 1781 and was with the said Carroll in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs, and knows that said Carroll served out his term of three months.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year above.

S/ James Dollar, X his mark

S/ J. Taylor, JP

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, that Benjamin Carroll a private Soldier in Captain Hall's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted in the year 1781 for the term of 12 months and left the service of the 10th day of November 1782, and was mustered again for the War in January 1782.

Given under my hand this 25th of March 1833.

S/ Wm Hill

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Revolutionary Claims
Treasury Department,
10 January 1835

Benjamin Carroll of ___ in the County of Orange in the State of North Carolina has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a private in Captain Mills Company, in the _North Carolina line; and that he does not state whether he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing,

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,
14th of January 1835

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to ___ in the ___~~

It further appears that Benjamin Carroll is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—~~at the rate of ___ dollars per month.~~

The name of Benjamin Carroll does not appear among those of the North Carolina line to whom certificates for the reward of Eighty Dollars were issued

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.


War Department: Bounty land office
January 15th, 1835

The name of Benjamin Carroll, is not returned on the records of the North Carolina line on file in this Office among those, entitled to bounty land from the United States; nor does it appear that a Land Warrant ever issued in his name.

S/William Gordon

[p 13: On August 7, 1849, Nancy Carroll, about 80, of Orange County, NC filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Benjamin Carroll, a pensioner at the rate of \$80/annum; that they married in 1783 or 1784 in Wake County, NC; that her husband died on January 31, 1846. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: On August 7, 1849 in Orange County North Carolina, Jacob Peeler of said County, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Benjamin Carroll and Nancy Carroll his widow; that Nancy Carroll is the sister of the affiant; that Benjamin and Nancy were married in wake County at the affiant's father's (Christian Peeler's) house of in the year 1783 or 1784 by 'Magor Umphrey' [Major Humphrey?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "jacob peeler". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent 'j' and 'p'.

[p 18: Certified copy of a marriage bond dated January 13, 1786 issued to Christian Peeler as Bondsman for the marriage of Benjamin Carroll to Nancy Peeler.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia and Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]